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### NEWS SUMMARY.

County.—March 13.—East Orange appropriates \$5,000 toward the erection of  
Township building, cost limited to \$35,000.—Monthly meeting of Board of Free-  
holders.—Warden of Penitentiary re-  
ports expenditures \$1889.97, number of  
prisoners 363, whole number of days 4,472.—Warden of Lunatic Asylum reported expenditures \$3,079.54, number of patients at date 350.—  
The Asylum Building Committee re-  
ported paid for work on the new In-  
mate Asylum during month of February, \$4,298.23.—County Auditor reported  
amount of uncollected taxes for 1883, \$8,470.07.—Two men from Brooklyn and  
New York arrested with burglar tools in  
their possession.—The Caldwell School  
Building has a new steel bell, weighing  
500 pounds.—Montclair purchases a four-  
wheeled double tank Babcock Extinguis-  
her, each tank having a capacity of  
30 gallons.—Little Nellie Cotterill, of  
Montclair, aged nine years, killed on  
Monday by being caught in the wheel  
of a carriage on which she was getting  
a lift.—14—Chancellor Runyon's name  
mentioned as a Democratic candidate for  
President.—Ninety-ninth birthday of Mr. John Nico,  
Orange's oldest inhabitant.—County Re-  
publican Committee organized for cam-  
paign of 1884 with E. W. Davis as Chair-  
man and F. C. Wilcox as Secretary, all  
the Wards and Townships were repre-  
sented, and the meeting was enthusiastic.—  
Decided to hold District Convention to  
elect Delegates to State Convention.—  
Primaries to be held on Monday, April 7.  
—Montclair Times grows because  
suitable quarters are not provided for  
fire apparatus. Also commends the work  
of Messrs. Mabee and English very highly.—  
John H. Keyler, a Bloomfield boy,  
is quoted as making extensive alterations  
and improvements in his furniture  
rooms in Montclair.—Several important  
trials of thieves by Newark Police-Chancello-  
r Runyon's grants an injunction re-  
quiring the M. & C. C. of Newark from  
grinding licensees for market wagons in the  
vicinity of Atwater and Carter's store.—  
18—Methodist Churches are holding  
District Conferences, and closing up their  
church year, preparatory to meeting of  
Annual Conference, to be held in the  
Hudson Street Church, Newark, on Wed-  
nesday, 26 inst.—17—Essex County, for  
1883 reports 1,662 marriages, 5,243 births  
and 4,986 deaths.—The new hall of Women's  
Christian Temperance Union, No. 125 and 127 Mulberry Street, Newark (old  
Adelphi Theatre), opened with a grand  
soirée and festival.—Royal J. Coleman,  
aged 10 years, son of Prof. Coleman of  
Coleman and Palms Business College,  
fatally wounded by accidentally hitting  
down on a sharp slate pencil, which ran  
into his body, and was broken off.—A  
large portion of Irish Societies in Newark  
celebrate St. Patrick's Day.—The  
Water Company announced as putting  
water in nearly every new house in East  
Orange, and many old residents discarding  
their wells and cisterns for the city  
water. The stables of Mr. Soverel, the  
livery stable, set on fire, twelve horses  
and several wagons burned, loss about  
\$8,000 without insurance of \$3,000.—18—  
Lester K. Dunn, D. D., prominently  
spoken of as a candidate for the  
appointment of President-Elder by  
the Young Men's Conference.—Albert P.  
Gandy appointed Counsel for the Town  
of East Orange, vice J. L. Norman, who  
died at a reappointment.—Test suit  
commenced in Newark District Court,  
against Newark Plank Road Co., for  
damages in collecting excessive tolls.—  
Merchants and Traders' Exchange of  
Newark, organized with offices at No. 20  
Clinton Street.—19—Ashland School  
building of East Orange damaged about  
\$8,000. A number of Republican  
Ward 5, formed in Newark.—Rev.  
Dr. Fisher of First Presbyterian Church  
Newark, delivers an address before the  
Young Men's Hebrew Association.—20—  
Assumption Burgess and Armitage, of  
Newark, have set to in a Committee-  
room of the Capitol building at Trenton,  
for words spoken.—Major Z. K. Pangborn,  
of Jersey City, lectures on "Useless  
People," in Montclair Hall.—Fifth  
anniversary of the Thomas Concerts at Music  
Hall, Orange.—21—Montclair Fire ap-  
paratus itinerates to Firemen's Hall.

### ABOUT TOWN.

Mr. Adrian Dickerson is staying  
at Pilatka, Florida.

The effects of the late Wm. J.  
Madison were disposed of by auction on  
Thursday.

Hose Co. No. 1 have rented quarters  
in a shop on Bloomfield Avenue near  
Liberty Street.

All persons having bills against the  
Bazaar Committee are requested to send  
the same at once for payment to Mr. F.  
G. Tower.

During the past week Real Estate  
Agent Cook, of Watseking, sold to Martin  
Zahnle the Israel B. Coe property, on  
Willow Street, recently occupied by Mr.  
Pinniger.

Dr. Davis has rented, through Mr.  
T. B. Baxter, agent, his house on the  
corner of Munroe Place and Park Place,  
to Mr. C. T. White, a gentleman now  
living in New Rochelle, and doing busi-  
ness in New York.

On account of the illness of Rev.  
Wm. H. Broadhead he was not present  
at the teachers' meeting on Wednesday  
night in the Westminster Church parlor.  
The class adjourned to the temperance  
meeting at Library Hall.

The Town Committee have secured  
Mr. R. N. Dodd's Hall for their public  
meetings, and the small rooms in front  
for the use of the Collector and the Com-  
mittee. Mr. Dodd's building is in a con-  
venient location. The property of the  
Committee will be moved in a few days.

Rev. J. M. Nardiello spent the  
evening of his birthday, Wednesday, with  
numerous friends at his residence on  
Liberty Street. The younger children of  
the parish favored the company with various  
entertaining exercises, making the occasion  
altogether a pleasant one.

George Anna Huyle Duer, widow of  
the late John K. Duer of U. S. Navy,  
and daughter of the late George Huyle,  
formerly Consul to Bahama, died at the  
residence of Edward Wilde, on Tuesday  
evening, in the sixty-sixth year of her age.  
The funeral services were held at St.  
Peter's Church, Morristown, at two o'clock  
yesterday afternoon.

Mr. James C. Beach and his coach-  
man had just alighted from the carriage  
on Wednesday evening after returning  
from the depot when the horses took  
fright and dashed out of the yard and  
through the street, until they reached  
the Park near the Centre School building,  
where the carriage was overturned and  
completely wrecked. The horses were  
captured and found to be uninjured.

#### FIRE ITEMS.

Who ruined Jenkins?

Bloomfield firemen are envious of  
the Montclair men with their new  
chemical engine.

As soon as the roads are in good  
condition, the Fire Marshal will order  
frequent drills for practice.

The Hose Company have taken  
possession of their new quarters on  
Bloomfield Avenue opposite Liberty  
Street.

At the fire in East Orange over  
1,500 feet of hose was in use. If we should  
have such a fire where would our little 550  
feet be?

There should be no excuse for non-  
attendance (sickness or absence from  
town excepted), and a fine should be  
levied and collected from all who neglect  
to familiarize themselves with the duties  
required of them.

If any man thinks it is asking too  
much of him to learn how to properly  
do a fireman's work, he had better not  
learn; he will find it easier to resign, and  
then the odious order to drill and attend  
house duty will not reach him.

The Secretary of the B. F. A. has  
issued a notice that, by order of the  
Trustees, the collection of dues will be  
suspended at the close of the present  
month. All back dues must be paid at  
once. On May 1st members who have  
not paid will be dropped.

The Bergen Bell Committee have  
decided to order a first-class bell weigh-  
ing 2,000 pounds, and to erect a tower in  
the rear of the Truck House. The bell  
tower will be about fifty-five feet high,  
with an observatory on the top. The  
construction will be pushed as rapidly as  
possible.

Although there was no alarm given  
on Monday evening for the fire in East  
Orange, the blaze attracted the attention of  
nearly all the firemen, who gathered  
at the Truck House to be ready in case  
they were needed. The telephone brought  
word that no assistance was required.  
The Hose Company turned out and ran  
as far as the railroad.

#### "ESSEX ONE."

#### Montclair Items.

#### TEMPERANCE ITEMS.

The temperance work which was car-  
ried on in Montclair, under the manage-  
ment of Messrs. Mabee and English,  
was very successful. The meetings were  
held at first in Montclair Hall, then the  
Presbyterian Church, and finally the Con-  
gregational Church was found too small.  
A Reform Club was organized; an Exec-  
utive Committee elected of gentlemen

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who will see to it that the interest and  
well-being of the club and its friends are  
kept before the people and a helping  
hand extended to all. We advise our  
Bloomfield friends to attend their own  
meetings and give support and encour-  
agement to this worthy object.

#### LECTURE.

The lecture of the popular course by  
Rev. J. Clement French, D.D., on "The  
Model Home," was given on Friday,  
March 14th, at the Hall. Those who at-  
tended were well repaid, as the subject  
was presented so that each could see  
something applicable to himself. The  
rain and the temperance meeting com-  
bined to prevent a full attendance. Last  
evening (21st) Major Z. K. Pangborn lectured  
on "Useless People," at the Hall, but too late  
for us to report in this issue. The date of the postponed lecture of  
Rev. Howard Henderson, D.D., LL.D.,  
to Mr. C. T. White, a gentleman now  
living in New Rochelle, and doing busi-  
ness in New York.

#### PHYSICAL FLASHES.

Montclair H. & L. Co. No. 1 received  
their double-tank Babcock chemical  
engine on Monday. It is mounted on four  
wheels, is provided with a pole for a team,  
and a tongue-and-rope for drawing it  
by hand, a driver's seat, with box to hold  
charges, a hose reel with two lengths of  
hose, two fifty-gallon chemical extin-  
guishers, a force-pump with suction, two  
brass nozzles, of three-eighths and one-  
half inch discharge. When in commission  
the hand extinguisher now carried  
on the truck will be placed on the en-  
gine. Orders have been issued that the  
engine shall precede the trucks to fires,  
so as to be available at the earliest possible  
moment.

#### Fire in Orange.

The barns connected with Matthias  
Soverel's icehouses on North Park Street,  
together with twelve horses, were totally  
destroyed by fire Monday evening. The  
barns were quite old, and built of wood  
on three sides of a square, with a sort of  
courtyard in the centre. Twenty-five  
horses were stabled in the barns, and  
about a dozen ice wagons were under the  
sheds. Shortly after seven o'clock the  
west end of the barn was discovered to  
be on fire, and in a few minutes the flames  
were spreading with fearful rapidity  
through the tinder-like structure. The  
discovery was made by the stableman,  
who lives in a small house near the barns,  
and he aroused Mr. Soverel's sons, who  
live near by on the same property. With  
a number of men living in the neighbor-  
hood they at once set to work to rescue  
the horses and cattle. The cows were  
driven out to a place of safety, but it was  
with the greatest difficulty that the  
horses in the eastern end of the building  
were saved.

In the middle building twelve horses  
were stabled, and were burned to death  
before the eyes of the bystanders, who  
could do nothing to save them. Their  
struggles when the flames finally en-  
veloped them were sickening to see.

Six ice wagons were also destroyed with  
the contents of the barn.

The Fire Department had to draw their  
horse carriage by hand, and did not arrive  
until the building were entirely destroyed.  
Mr. Soverel estimates his loss at about  
\$8,000.

That the fire was the work of an incen-  
diary there is not much doubt. It is  
thought that an incendiary has begun  
operations in that neighborhood, another  
barn about an eighth of a mile from  
Soverel's having been set on fire and de-  
stroyed last week.

The Essex County Hunt.

Mr. E. Thebaud, the new Master of  
the Essex County Hunt, has arranged  
the following list of fixtures for the  
Spring Meets, viz: Saturday, March  
22d, 4:30 P.M., main entrance, Llewellyn  
Park; Wednesday, March 26th, 4:30 P.M.,  
Caldwell; Saturday, March 29th, 5 P.M.,  
School-house, Montclair; Wednesday,  
April 2d, 5 P.M., Bloomfield; Saturday,  
April 5th, 5 P.M., Livingston; Wednes-  
day, April 9th, 5 P.M., Water-works,  
East Orange; Saturday, April 12th, 5 P.M.,  
Irvington; Wednesday, April 16th, 5 P.M.,  
Caldwell; Saturday, April 19th, 5 P.M., Cedar  
Grove.

The Hunt Races, for qualified hunters  
and other horses (gentlemen riders) will  
be held in the latter part of May.

#### A New Method of Voting at Primaries.

To the Bloomfield Citizen:

I am informed by ex-County Clerk  
Reford that the Township owns the bal-  
lot box used in the 1st Election District  
previous to the adoption of the new one  
furnished by the County. In view of the  
unsatisfactory method of voting for can-  
didates at our Township Primaries, I  
would suggest that in the future the said  
ballot box be used at such meetings and that  
the same officers, viz., a Judge, In-  
spectors and Clerk, be appointed and the  
same rules govern the proceedings as at  
our regular elections. This, I think, will  
obviate many irregularities which are  
likely to occur, and be more satisfactory  
to all concerned.

#### E. WESTLAKE,

#### Election Clerk 1st District.

[The suggestion is a good one, and no  
honest voter will be likely to object to  
its adoption.—ED.]

CHARLES M. DAVIS,  
Pres. Repub. Club.  
WINTHROP JONES,  
Secretary.

#### Republican Primaries.

#### To the Bloomfield Citizen.

The smoke of battle has cleared away,  
the wounded are cared for, if not entirely  
recovered, and we can begin to gather up  
some of the lessons to be learned from  
the late Town Election. One of

these lessons is the importance of attending  
the Primary Meetings. Every citizen  
is directly interested in good government;  
the larger his property interests and the  
more liberal his education, by so much  
should his interest be increased. And yet,  
these are generally the men who ad-  
mit themselves from the Primary. Men  
who have the greatest interest at stake  
are, apparently, the least interested. It  
is simply impossible to have good govern-  
ment either in the Town or State without  
an attendance of the intelligent voter at  
the Primaries, for that is virtually where

the election is held, and if the voter is  
unable to discharge both duties, it would  
be, as a general rule, better for him to  
allow the duty of voting to pass, and attend  
the Primary Meeting. It is quite  
fashionable to cry out to the young men  
to "keep out of politics." This is wrong  
both in precept and in practice. The men  
who are deterred from using their influence  
for the right by this cry are just the ones  
whose influence ought to be felt. A man  
need not be a politician in its offensive  
sense, but it is the duty of every good  
citizen and every Christian man to  
make his voice felt in behalf of good govern-  
ment. Many instances in the recent  
election proved the reluctance of the con-  
scientious voter to cast his ballot against  
the regular nominee, and though he may  
be objectionable, it is almost impossible  
to defeat him; yet many intelligent men  
will shirk the duty of helping to select  
good candidates, and these stay-at-home  
gentlemen are usually the ones who find  
the most fault if candidates are not up to  
their standard. With those who make  
town politics a business, an important  
consideration in their preparation for  
the Primaries has been, that New York  
business men and other prominent  
citizens (who perhaps are not well ac-  
quainted with State or County matters,  
and who can spare but little time for  
such matters) would generally absent  
themselves, making it an easy matter for  
the wire pullers to make combinations  
that would control the formation of a  
ticket. Perhaps a feeble effort would be  
made to correct the evil, but for lack of  
organization and concerted action the  
vote would not be sufficiently concentrated  
to accomplish the desired result.

The late election proved that "in unity  
there is strength." Every citizen is inter-  
ested in good government, and ought to  
be willing to do his share toward securing  
it. It is a responsibility he cannot throw  
off; he may shirk the duty, but he can-  
not be relieved of the responsibility.  
The coming Fall election is one of more  
than usual importance. Essex County is  
not only interested in the Presidential  
campaign, but is to elect a Congressman,  
State Senator, Sheriff, Surrogate, Regis-  
ter, three Coroners and Assemblymen in  
the several districts; a combination that  
will not occur again for many years.  
Under favorable circumstances the effort  
such a combination should call forth  
would ensure a Republican majority of  
from 3,000 to 5,000, and a nomination  
should be equivalent to an election.  
But the independent voter is abroad,  
and with the class of candidates already  
coming to the surface for these offices  
there is a possibility that the county will  
again go Democratic. It would be a dis-  
grace to the Republicans of Essex County  
to have it go abroad that, with their ma-  
jority, every elective officer is a Demo-  
crat. There is danger of this very thing.  
The county offices that are now filled by  
Democrats have been thrown away by  
the Republicans, through bad nomina-  
tions and by defying the sentiments of  
intelligent voters.

The convention to nominate Delegates  
to the National Convention is to be held  
in a few weeks. The County and As-  
sembly Conventions at a later date. It  
seems unfortunate that there should be  
a necessity for so many Primaries. It in-  
creases the difficulty of securing the at-  
tendance there ought to be, and that  
there would be, if the Delegates to the  
several conventions could be nominated  
at the same meeting. Though this might  
be a desirable result, it cannot be brought  
about this year. Essex County should  
have her very best men in nomination  
for next Fall's election, and to help in  
securing such a result Bloomfield Repub-  
licans must send good men to the Con-  
ventions. This will be an utter impossibility  
unless the Primaries are attended  
by every voter who can possibly be pres-  
ent. Nothing but sickness or imperative  
duty should keep him at home.